

Notice 013 July 23, 2020

Child Waiting Room Closed Indefinitely

In response to a staff member at the Child Waiting Room (CWR) exhibiting Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD) is closing.

One of the CWR staff members exhibited flu-like symptoms July 22 and got tested for COVID-19. While the results are still pending, Naval Base San Diego's public health officer recommended a closure for test results, contact tracing and further medical review.

CWR staff, children who were in attendance, and their parents who may have had contact with the staff member are asked to remain at home, self-monitor, get tested, monitor their conditions and report any changes to their health care provider.

Children who were at the NMCSD CWR will not be permitted to enroll in other Metro programs. While it is understood this is an inconvenience, this measure will only remain in effect for as long as public health demands require it.

The estimated time minimum time frame is five days to two weeks, depending on the test results. Affected families and staff members will be notified by telephone or e-mail. Any questions can be referred to the director of Child and Youth Programs, Ms. Phyllis Williams at phyllis.williams1@navy.mil or (619) 556-9585.

NMCSD conducts regular organization-wide situational updates, which includes updates on when an employee tests positive for COVID-19.

NMCSD remains open and continues its mission of providing safe, high quality patient care, while taking all measures available to protect its patients, visitors and staff.

NMCSD reminds its patients and staff of the importance of adhering to the preventive actions recommended by the <u>CDC</u> and <u>Defense Health Agency</u>.

Other Information Resources

NMCSD website: https://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcsd/Pages/default.aspx

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NMCSD/. Facebook Handle- NMCSD

Twitter Handle: NMC_SD

NMCSD Coronavirus Hotline: (619) 532-5358

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